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SUBJECT: FRELOC CLAIM AGAINST FRANCE

REF: BRUSSELS 9763

FOR SONNENFELDT AND HARTMAN

1. WE BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT TO NOTIFY DE STAERCKE
OF OUR DECISION TO ACCEPT THE FRENCH OFFER FOR A
FRELOC SETTLEMENT, IN VIEW OF THE PARALLEL NATO CLAIM
AGAINST FRANCE. SUBJECT TO YOUR CONCURRENCE WE BELIEVE
USNATO SHOULD PROCEED WITH THIS APPROACH ALONG THE
FOLLOWING LINES:

2. YOU SHOULD ADVISE DE STAERCKE THAT A FEW WEEKS AGO THE
FRENCH PROPOSED A FINANCIAL SETTLEMENT OF THIS MATTER
INVOLVING A PAYMENT OF 100 MILLION DOLLARS TO THE US OVER

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A PERIOD OF TEN YEARS, AND THAT WE INTEND TO ACCEPT THIS

OFFER. WE WILL SUGGEST THAT THE FRENCH MAKE THEIR PAYMENTS OVER A PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS. WE BELIEVE A SETTLEMENT OF THIS MAGNITUDE WILL BE RECOGNIZED HERE AS EVIDENCE OF A FRENCH DESIRE TO IMPROVE THEIR RELATIONS WITH THE US, AND A RECOGNITION BY FRANCE OF THE CONTRIBUTION OF US FORCES IN EUROPE TO THE COMMON SECURITY.

3. YOU SHOULD ALSO INDICATE TO DE STAERCKE THAT WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT FRANCE WILL COME FORWARD WITH A SATISFACTORY OFFER OF SETTLEMENT OF THE NATO CLAIM. THE ONE CLUE WE SAW EARLIER, WHICH WAS PASSED ON TO DE STAERCKE LAST JANUARY, WAS THE INSPIRED ARTICLE IN LE MONDE AT THAT TIME THAT THE FRENCH ALSO HAD IN MIND SOMETHING BY WAY OF A SETTLEMENT OF THE NATO AND CANADIAN CLAIMS. LAST MONTH THE FRENCH TOLD US THAT THEY WANTED TO SEE HOW THE US CLAIM WAS RESOLVED BEFORE MAKING ANY MOVE ON THE OTHER CLAIMS.

4. FINALLY, WE RECOGNIZE THAT A PORTION OF OUR RECEIPTS FROM THE BILATERAL SETTLEMENT WITH FRANCE MUST BE REIMBURSED TO NATO, AND THAT WE WILL BE OBLIGED TO NEGOTIATE AN AGREEMENT WITH NATO AUTHORITIES DEFINING THE EXACT AMOUNT. FYI. WE ESTIMATE THAT THIS WILL ABSORB ABOUT A THIRD OF THE PROCEEDS FROM THE FRENCH. INGERSOLL

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